

*A Must-Have California Native Plant!*

# Big Leaf Maple

*Acer macrophyllum*



**Description:** The **Big Leaf Maple** can reach 30'-114' in height. In fall, its leaves can turn shades of gold, orange and red before dropping to the ground, providing habitat and natural fertilizer.



**Light:** Full Sun / Part Shade



**87** species of butterflies and moths can lay eggs on this plant.



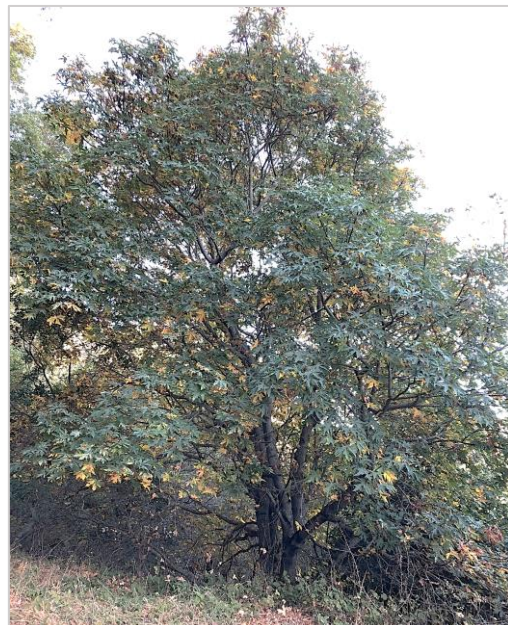
**Featured Butterfly:** The velvety **Mourning Cloak** can live for a year, longer than most butterflies. As a caterpillar it feeds on the leaves of trees, including maples and willows. It needs leaf and bark debris to complete its life cycle, so leave these in your garden!

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a “must have” (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the “must have” food for baby birds.

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